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[By Mr. PERKINS.]

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## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Expressing opinion of Congress in relation to the conduct of certain citizens of Louisiana within the lines, and in the presence of the enemy.

1      *Resolved*, That while Congress views, with pride, the course  
2      pursued by the true men and women of the Confederacy, who,  
3      falling within the lines of the enemy, have resisted all appeals  
4      to their pecuniary interest and refused, in spite of pains and  
5      penalties, to perjure themselves or to foreswear their own gov-  
6      ernment by taking an oath of allegiance to support that of the  
7      United States, it regards with peculiar satisfaction the conduct  
8      of those citizens of Louisiana, who, by refusing the oath and  
9      openly registering themselves enemies to the United States in  
10     the immediate presence and in defiance of General Butler's mil-

11 itary authorities, have borne most noble testimony to the  
12 martyr-like courage and patriotic spirit and Christian faith of  
13 our people.

1      *Resolved*, That while such conduct has secured them the pre-  
2      sent respect and sympathy of all good people, it will be esteemed,  
3      in the future, a most honorable claim upon the gratitude of their  
4      country, and the highest evidence of their devotion to truth and  
5      principle.

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